

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Establishment of an Advisory Group re. System 4

25X1A5a1 1. It was decided at the last meeting of the Special Assistant  
25X1A5a1 with the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - Ramo Wooldridge, to expedite the development of the sophisticated ELINT collection system which has been known as System 4 at Ramo-Wooldridge.

25X1A5a1 2. It was recommended by [REDACTED] that in addition to [REDACTED]  
25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] and the long-time supporter of research and development on  
25X1A5a1 advanced receiver components and systems at [REDACTED] and in the Palo  
25X1A5a1 Alto area, be cleared, briefed and brought in to assist in the Project. Project security officers made the necessary investigation and recommended that [REDACTED] be given the general picture of the Project without unnecessary details of equipment performance, etc. and [REDACTED] be made witting of the Project to whatever extent necessary to permit his full participation in the developments of an advanced ELINT system for high altitude aircraft.

25X1A5a1 3. In accordance with these arrangements which were concurred in  
25X1A5a1 by the Special Assistant to the DCI, I met with [REDACTED]  
25X1A5a1 and [REDACTED] in Palo Alto on 27 February 1956. I first met with [REDACTED]  
25X1A5a1 at his home, and then we drove around in a Hertz U-Drive-It car which I had rented in San Francisco the night before, and discussed arrangements for bringing [REDACTED] into the Project to the extent necessary. We then picked up [REDACTED] and drove out in the country near Palo Alto where we parked in a secluded spot to discuss details of the Project. Subsequently, we met with [REDACTED] home, reviewed the general nature of the equipment development which we are proposing and the type of assistance which we desired from [REDACTED]. We received [REDACTED] assurance of his support as necessary and his concurrence in [REDACTED] participation in the development of the ELINT system. It was not necessary to go into detail with [REDACTED] of aircraft performance on capabilities or the schedule for equipment development for System 4.

25X1A5a1 4. I felt (and I am sure that [REDACTED] concurs) that these interviews were handled in such a way that security was not jeopardized and I am also sure that the persons who were introduced to the subject of

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a high altitude reconnaissance aircraft will not disclose their knowledge of this subject, and particularly its possible relationship to the Agency.

25X1A9a 5. Subsequent to the meeting in Palo Alto, arrangements were made  
25X1A9a for the first conference of this consultant group to be held at Ramo-  
Woolridge in Los Angeles on 6 March 1956, at which time [REDACTED] of  
the ELINT Staff, would be present. [REDACTED] took a tentative draft  
of the desired characteristics of System 4 as a basis for discussion  
with the Group and the development of guidance to the contractor for  
proceeding with research and development leading to the provision of  
this ELINT capability.

25X1A5a1 6. I discussed this tentative specification with [REDACTED] on  
24 February and again on 26 February, and we had incorporated his sug-  
gestions in the draft, although he was unable to participate in the  
meeting scheduled for 6 March in Los Angeles.

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